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DINNER AT THE SILVERDOME

The second annual MHSFCA between games buffet is scheduled at the Pontiac Silverdome on November 25, 1978. All coaches, wives, friends, and guests are invited to attend a buffet in the "Main Event" restaurant between the Class A and Class C championship games at approximately 3:00 p.m. The cost of the luncheon is \$6.50 per person, tax and tip included with a cash bar available. Make your reservations NOW. Send your checks made payable to the MHSFCA to:

Mr. John Herrington
Farmington Harrison High School
29995 West 12 Mile Road
Farmington, MI 49018

No tickets will be mailed to you. Your tickets will be held at the door at the time of the luncheon.

Don't delay...send your check today...see you at the buffet on State Championship Day.

MHSFCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The following is a listing of dates for the MHSFCA Board of Directors Meetings:

1. **Thursday, Nov. 30**, meeting to select "Coach of the Year" at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m.
2. **Friday, Feb. 23, 1979**, clinic meeting at Warren Woods High School.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 11 Football Quarter Finals

November 18 Football Semi Finals

November 25 3rd Annual Football Finals at Pontiac Stadium

January 26-28, 1979 Kellogg's Coach of the Year Clinic

February 23-24, 1979 . . Michigan High School Football Coaches Clinic at Warren Woods High School

Newsletter

The Newsletter is the official publication of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association with the expressed aim of keeping the membership informed.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

A new committee has been formed by President Jeff Smith and the Board of Directors of the MHSFCA. President Smith has appointed Curt Evans, Director of Region 4, to head up the newly formed Membership Committee. Assisting Curt will be Region 4 Alternate Jack Hepinstall and Second Vice-President Walt Braun. Their main goal is how to get and keep members. The larger our membership, the more "voice" we have in Lansing.

Their first task is to assist President Smith in setting up a state wide membership drive at the August MHSAA Football Rules Meeting. Directors, Alternates, members, VPs, and even our President, along with wives of football coaches are planning to attend every Rules Meeting with the intention of recruiting new members. It was felt that this was a good place to concentrate our efforts since every head football coach is required to attend the Football Rules Meeting.

We are looking for new members as well as former members who are not currently paid up for the 1978-79 school year. Please note that all coaches who attended the MHSFCA annual football clinic at Lakeview High School last February are paid for this school year. Attending the Football Clinic registers one in the MHSFCA for the coming year.

All head coaches are asked to see that their assistant coaches are members of the MHSFCA. We have a great Association, so please do your part to support it.

DRILL PUBLICATION

It has been decided that we would like to publish football drills in the **MHSFCA NEWSLETTER**. We feel that this would be a fine service to the coaches in the state of Michigan. It is important that we have the cooperation of coaches since we need drills and articles on football if we are going to provide this service. What we are looking for are drills and articles which are **different** and which would be beneficial to other coaches. We will run these drills in our March and May issues and we hope that the response will be favorable.

If you feel that you have something of interest, please contact Don Lessner, Riverview H.S., Riverview, MI 48192. The articles may be on any phase of football.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF MHSFCA???

It is that time of year for all **head coaches** to check and see if their coaching staff are members of the MHSFCA. The cost is only \$2.00 per coaches for a year membership which coincides with the regular school year.

If you attended the MHSFCA annual clinic last February at Battle Creek Lakeview High School you are a paid member for the 1978-79 school year. At the present time we have about 1000 members, but we could easily have two

or three times that number if all coaches were to join. It is your organization so make sure that you make it as strong as possible by keeping a large active membership.

THREE MAN RULE & SCRIMMAGE RULE

President Jeff Smith of the MHSFCA contacted Mr. Al Bush and Representative Council Members sending them the following information:

"The following are the results of a 2 question questionnaire sent out by Dick Flynn who is in charge of our Rules Committee."

1. The 3 man limitation for summer workouts should be eliminated and a football coach be allowed to work with unlimited number of players. No competition should be allowed between schools.

Coaches	173 Yes (57%)	133 No (43%)
Principals	145 Yes (48%)	156 No (52%)

2. The limitation on in season scrimmages between schools should be removed and the previous rule be adopted.

Coaches	228 Yes (79%)	60 No (21%)
Principals	219 Yes (74%)	77 No (26%)

The following is a list of reasons for eliminating the 3 Man Rule:

1. Football is the only sport that is restricted.
2. It is impossible to work with a full compliment of skill players if you are restricted to only 3.
3. It is difficult for the football coach to decide who to work with. It often takes long hours to get through a workout bringing in 3 players at a time.
4. The rule discriminates against the player who cannot afford to go to a football camp.
5. If it is advantageous to work with players in other sports, why can't we teach football skills.

The two most prevalent comments seemed to be... "Could the rules be changed to 5 or 7 players instead of 3?" and "Why can basketball and other sports have full team workouts while football coaches can only work with 3 players?"

The following comments were made about the Scrimmage Rule:

1. Players who did not participate in a Friday game or who played very little can profit from an early week scrimmage. This is especially good for the larger schools.
2. In the smaller schools it is advantageous to scrimmage other schools since some teams have a limited number of players.
3. If a game is not scheduled or a game cancelled, it can be filled with a scrimmage.
4. It is a morale booster to face another group during the week in an informal way.

Our Rules Committee is continually attempting to make recommendations to the MHSAA for the betterment of football in the state of Michigan. If you feel that a certain football rule should be changed, feel free to contact any member of the Rules Committee or a Director of our Association.

POTENTIAL COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYERS

At the annual summer meeting of the MHSFCA Board of Directors it was decided that we would ask all football coaches in the state of Michigan to send a list of their seniors who have college potential as football players. The following form should be filled

out and sent to Don Lessner, Riverview High School, Riverview, MI 48192, by October 20. All of the names that are sent in will be compiled on one form and sent to the twenty college and universities in the state of Michigan that play football. It is the feeling that

this service will aid in getting recognition for our top football players and it should also make it easier for the college coaches to know who our best players are. Please make sure that you take the time to fill out the list since it is very important for your players.

High School _____ City & Zip _____

Head Coach's Name _____

Player's Name

Height

Weight

Off. Pos.

Def. Pos.

1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____



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